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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON PROPERTY CASE

REF: MR. VANIK'S LETTER OF MAY 18

HONORABLE CHARLES A. VANIK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.D.

1. ON JUNE 5 WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER CONCERNING THE PROPERTY CLAIM OF YOUR CONSTITUENT, MR. PAUL LOYD.
2. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS ASSUMED THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTY IN WHICH MR. LOUD HAS A PART INTEREST, THE USUAL PROCEDURE IN INHERITANCE CASES CANNOT BE FOLLOWED. IN EFFECT, MR. LOYD HAS A CLAIM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH CANNOT BE ADJUDICATED AT THIS TIME.
3. THERE IS NO TREATY ON PROPERTY MATTERS YET IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DID HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN PRAGUE FROM SEPTEMBER 1973

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TO JULY 1974 AND INITIALED AN AD REFERENDUM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON JULY 5, 1974. HOWEVER, SECTION 408 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 REQUIRED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT AND OBTAIN MORE FAVORABLE PAYMENT PROVISIONS.

4. THE ADJUDICATION OF MR. LOYD'S CLAIM DEPENDS ON THE NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT AND THE ENACTMENT OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT CONFISCATED PROPERTY, AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT MR. LOYD'S PROPERTY UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED.

5. THE PRAGUE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ALICE KALFUSOVA. LOCAL LEGAL BUREAUS MIGHT BE ABLE TO LOCATE HER AT MR. LOYD'S EXPENSE (THE ADDRESS OF ONE SUCH BUREAU IS CONTAINED IN THIS EMBASSY'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 14, 1976 TO MR. LOYD), BUT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WE FRANKLY DOUBT THAT THE EFFORT WOULD BE JUSTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

6. WE REGRET OUR INABILITY TO BE MORE POSITIVE ABOUT MR. LOYD'S PROSPECTS FOR SETTLING HIS CLAIM BUT WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH HE MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS MATTER.

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